Taking note of these complaints, Directorate General of Foreign Trade have placed these firms on 'Denied Entity List[1] and consequently they are not entitled to grant of further licences and other benefits under Export-Import Policy till finalization of their cases. Besides, action under Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, wherever necessary, is also contemplated. However, this Act does not provide for arrests/ convictions.

Rising price of cement

† 2535. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated to bring down the continuously increasing prices of cement in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the procedure adopted by Government of Chhattisgarh in this regard; and

(d) the details of success in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Cement is fully decontrolled commodity and its prices are determined by the market forces of demand and supply. The Government does not regulate these but only monitors fluctuations in these. The prices of cement as shown in the enclosed Statement (see below) have however, not shown an increasing trend for over a year.

(c) and (d) Prices of cement even in the Chhattisgarh State are determined by market forces of demand and supply as explained at (a) and (b) above. However, on a special appeal made by the Chief Minister of State, the cement companies supplied cement only for Government works at marginally concessional rate for a limited period of six months. Now, even for Government works, the State Government has to pay the price determined by the market forces of demand and supply.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Details of prices of cement

Region/Centre	Apr-01	May-01	June-01	Jul.* 01	Aug.-01	Sep-01	Oct-01	Nov-01	Dec-01	Jan-02	Feb-02	Mar-02
Nrothern Region												
Delhi	147	140	131	139	139	143	139	139	138	131	130	122
Kamal	151	149	142	147	144	143	142	143	141	138	137	131
Chandigarh	159	161	154	151	157	154	153	152	152	152	147	147
Jaipur	145	139	123	128	126	126	133	139	138	125	124	119
Rohtak	148	145	133	140	136	139	133	134	136	129	128	124
Bhatinda	159	160	152	144	154	151	151	150	150	150	143	143
Ludhiana	163	166	160	151	158	158	158	157	157	157	149	149
Jammu	195	193	192	191	191	191	191	191	191	188	187	186
Simla	168	168	164	166	167	167	167	167	167	161	164	166
Eastern Region												
Calcutta	155	151	140	147	145	143	136	125	124	138	132	128
Patna	148	149	146	153	141	136	132	130	127	133	128	126
Bhubaneswar	153	150	142	135	135	128	123	125	129	130	133	127
Gauwhati	183	183	183	183	183	183	182	175	172	172	172	172
Muzaffarpur	150	151	148	154	144	141	138	137	131	134	134	130

Region/Centre	Apr-01	May-01	June-01	Jul-01	Aug.-01	Sep-01	Oct-01	Nov-01	Dec-01	Jan-02	Feb-02	Mar-02
Western Region												
Mumbai	179	174	175	178	174	171	163	163	170	176	162	159
Ahmedabad	153	154	154	155	155	145	138	142	141	140	137	134
Nagpur	152	148	142	145	144	130	137	128	129	142	131	124
Pune	164	160	147	155	153	131	139	136	139	152	140	124
Rajkot	153	154	154	155	155	145	138	142	141	140	137	134
Baroda	153	154	154	155	155	145	139	144	141	140	137	134
Surat	153	154	154	155	155	145	139	144	141	140	137	134
Sourthem Region												
Chennai	173	170	159	164	147	136	163	169	174	179	173	164
Trivandrum	185	186	183	185	162	158	175	180	184	184	184	174
Bangalore	166	164	162	165	159	140	140	157	164	170	165	148
Hyderabad	143	144	151	155	140	120	136	147	149	149	138	134
Calicut	180	181	181	185	169	161	179	185	185	183	180	174
Visakhapatnam	151	149	156	160	144	130	144	143	149	154	146	139
Goa	154	153	153	146	142	129	128	146	153	153	154	143
Central Region												
Lucknow	151	151	145	145	141	138	139	130	131	130	127	132
Meerut	147	147	141	141	140	138	138	133	134	133	133	133
Faizabad	149	149	142	143	135	129	134	121	119	123	123	125
Bareilly	147	147	141	142	137	133	134	128	130	128	129	126
Bhopal	149	141	136	137	134	127	117	119	123	124	124	122

Region/Centre	Apr-02	May-02	ne-02	Jul.-02	Aug.-02	Sept.-02	Oct-02
Northern Region							
Delhi	131	136	131	131	135	130	130
Kamal	137	140	137	137	141	135	136
Chandigarh	143	145	143	140	136	140	142
Jaipur	120	132	120	118	120	114	119
Rohtak	129	132	128	129	134	124	125
Bhatinda	142	141	142	137	136	133	139
Ludhiana	147	150	146	143	140	139	144
Jammu	186	183	178	177	177	177	181
Simla	165	162	158	156	153	152	153
Eastern Region							
Kolkata	134	148	148	153	153	153	153
Patna	129	138	137	140	140	139	137
Bhubaneswar	121	137	138	148	152	149	143
Guwahati	172	172	172	172	172	172	172
Muzaffarpur	131	137	138	143	143	141	139
Western Region							
Mumbai	159	160	158	150	144	128	151
Ahmedabad	136	138	141	137	137	129	127
Nagpur	122	123	123	119	113	107	106
Pune	121	131	124	112	105	107	123
Rajkot	136	138	141	137	137	129	127
Baroda	136	138	141	137	137	129	127
Surat	136	138	141	137	137	129	127
Sourthern Region							
Chennai	159	156	147	140	137	128	126
Trivandrum	164	162	156	146	141	133	131
Bangalore	131	133	134	136	139	135	138
Hyderabad	115	111	105	104	105	105	120
Calicut	164	162	156	146	141	136	136

Region/Centre	Apr-02	May-02	June-02	Jul.-02 >	Aug.-02	Sept.-02	Oct-02
Visakhapatnam	123	118	115	116	120	120	133
Goa	130	133	134	133	130	137	128
Central Region	i						
Lucknow	130	129	134	143	143	133	128
Meerut	132	137	133	138	138	131	132
Faizabad	123	126	134	141	139	128	125
Bareilly	127	131	134	138	136	131	134
Bhopal	119	123	124	127	128	120	114

Closing down of paper mills

2536. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of paper mills closed down in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for the closure of these mills;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to revive some of these paper mills particularly the Orient Paper Mills, Brajraj Nagar in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps taken, so far, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) The data regarding the number of paper mills closed down in the country is not centrally maintained. However, during the period from 1.1.99 to 31.10.02, cases of 80 paper and pulp sick industries were registered with the Bureau of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), a quasi judicial body, under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. State-wise number of sick paper mills is given in the enclosed Statement. *(See* below).

(b) Major reasons of sickness as reported by the sick companies at the time of registration include change in Government policies, managerial/ production/technical/marketing/financial problems and lack of adquate infrastructure.